



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

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ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office, located in Deerfield, is open on  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays:**  
**Regular hours 9:00 AM-5:00 PM**

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

#### St. Alphonsus

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM

#### St. Peter

Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 AM

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### St. Alphonsus

Sunday: 8:00 AM

#### St. Peter

Sunday: 11:00 AM (**10:00 AM Summer Schedule  
between Memorial Day and Labor Day**)

Saturday Mass **alternates sites at 4:30 PM.** (See  
website for schedule.)

Both Sunday masses will be live streamed. Go to  
YouTube and enter **light of christ church  
blissfield-deerfield**. Click on "Subscribe" for easy  
access later, then look for the green circle with  
an **L** in the middle and click on it.

### BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office: 517 447-3500.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 PM, at the alternating location  
of the Saturday Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the office if someone is in the hospital,  
sick or homebound and would like to be visited and  
receive the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor 9-12 months before  
preferred date.

### PRAYER LIST

Please contact the office if you'd like to be added  
(or add someone with their permission) to the  
Bulletin and weekly E-news prayer list.

### DAILY MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

When schools in either Blissfield or Deerfield  
(Britton-Deerfield) are on a 2-hour delay or  
canceled, daily mass and any evening parish  
events will be canceled as well. Please be aware  
of the possibilities of inclement weather (fog, ice,  
snow, etc.) and check for school postings before  
venturing out. Stay safe!

### PARISH STAFF

#### PASTOR

Rev. Jeff Poll  
jeffreypoll44@gmail.com

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Karen Nevins: nevinskaren@yahoo.com  
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#### Music Coordinator

Rose Piotter

#### SECRETARIAL STAFF

##### Business Manager/Bookkeeper

Susan Cousino: lightofchristparish@gmail.com

#### Sacramental Records, Parish Data, & Bulletin Editor

Deanna Burke: deannabdre@gmail.com

#### Bulletin Deadline: **Tuesday at 9:00am.**

We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity  
and length. Please email material to:

[deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com)

#### Ministry Scheduling

Leanne Goodin: lgoodin@cass.net

### MAINTENANCE STAFF

Jeff Simpson

Jake Burke

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please call the parish office for contact info.

### PARISH COMMISSIONS

Finance Commission  
Education Commission  
Social Ministry Commission  
New Evangelization Commission

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Funeral Luncheon Committees  
Knights of Columbus  
Heritage Garden Club  
Women of Prayer

### FOOD PANTRY

Open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1-2 PM  
at the Parish Center in Deerfield.

**September 13, 2026**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**



### ~READINGS FOR THE WEEK~

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**September 13, 2026**

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**September 20, 2026**

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

*both in  
Life  
&  
Death  
we are the  
Lord's*  
P. Mendenhall

# The Heart of Feminine Holiness

*The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine 'genius' which have appeared in the course of history... and all the fruits of feminine holiness.*

Mulieris Dignitatus #31

**OCTOBER 10**  
9am-5pm

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## WEBER CENTER CELEBRATES AUTUMN EQUINOX

A celebration of the Autumn Equinox, facilitated by Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, is planned for **3:30 p.m. Sunday, September 20, 2026, in the Garden Room at Weber Retreat and Conference Center.** All are invited to celebrate the third turning of Earth's seasons at this time of gratitude and storytelling. Come enjoy the company of others as we celebrate this new season.

A Dominican Sister of Adrian, Sister Esther is a spiritual director and retreat leader who facilitates monthly mindfulness sessions at Weber Center.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Weber Center is on the campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Adrian, Michigan. On East Siena Heights Drive, turn into the driveway between Adrian Rea Literacy Center and the solar panel-covered carport. Follow the signs to Weber Center. For information, call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000.

## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEER GARDENERS!

Thanks to the hard work of our gardening volunteers, the Heritage Garden in Deerfield looked beautiful all season long! We appreciate all of them for sharing their time and talent pulling weeds and doing other gardening chores. A **special thanks** to Jeff & Frank for their dedication taking care of our garden all year 'round!

**Barbara Forgiel Farkas**  
**Leanne Goodin**  
**Cindi Kominek**  
**Jeff Reau**  
**Frank Vereecke**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

## -STEWARDSHIP REPORT-

**September 6, 2026**

Collection figures were unavailable at the time of print and will be reported in next week's bulletin.

**NO DAILY MASS**  
**Wednesday, September 16, 9:00am**

Due to the  
Senior Appreciation Mass & Luncheon  
at Holy Family-St. Joseph Campus, Adrian



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBER NEWS

Jesus said, "But I say to you that hear, Love you enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. LUKE 6:27,28. Let us pray for a generous increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious. Our Lady of Sorrows pray for us.

**Wanted: Scrap Metal.** The Knights Scrap Metal Drive to help fund the Christmas Basket program, Holiday Food Distribution, and more is Saturday, October 3, 8:00 AM to Noon, at the St. Peter Church Hall parking lot. All metals including brass, bronze, copper, aluminum, carbide, stainless steel, cast iron, tin, iron, and steel are needed. Auto, truck, boat, and lawn tractor batteries as well as electric motors are accepted. No donation is too small. Please call Nicolas Martinez at [517 442-3868](tel:5174423868) for details. St. Michael, St. Raphael, and St. Gabriel, Archangels, pray for us.

**We Need New Knights!** If you are at least 18 years old and a Catholic in good standing you are invited to join the Knights. Becoming a Knight includes eligibility to purchase high-quality Life Insurances, Long Term Care Insurance, Disability Income Insurance, IRA, Roth IRA, and Tax Deferred Annuities. For details about insurances and investments please contact Nicolas Novak at [810 620-4240](tel:8106204240) or visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). To receive a FREE online membership to the Knights of Columbus please visit [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join), then enter Promote Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. To join locally for FREE please contact Nicolas Martinez at [517 442-3868](tel:5174423868). St. Mathew the Apostle pray for us.

**Preparing for Retirement is essential. Are you prepared?** As your Catholic partner for financial services the Knights of Columbus can help you reach your financial goals in retirement. Take the first step by visiting [www.kofc.org/liveyourfaith](http://www.kofc.org/liveyourfaith) or call Nicolas Novak, our local field agent at his office [877 857-6237](tel:8778576237), his cell [810 620-4240](tel:8106204240), or email [Nicolas.Novak.org](mailto:Nicolas.Novak.org). St. Peter Claver, Priest, pray for us.

**Vivat Jesus!** Let us pray for First Responders including police, firefighters, EMT, paramedics, dispatchers, and support personnel. Public health officials, doctors, hospital staff, volunteer organizations, tow truck drivers, lumberjacks, and public works employees need prayers. Pray for Peace. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us.

*\*The Knights of Columbus meet in Blissfield at 7:00pm every first Thursday of the month.*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULING DEADLINE

The ministry scheduling for **October-December** will be completed soon. Please enter any dates that you are **NOT available** in the scheduling program **by NOON THIS TUESDAY, September 15.**

You may also email those dates to [lgoodin@cass.net](mailto:lgoodin@cass.net) or text/call Leanne at 734 637-4555.

Anyone interested in joining a new ministry should also contact Leanne. All are welcome and training is provided!

**SATURDAY 4:30PM MASS  
SITE LOCATION  
2026-27 SCHEDULE**

September 19 Blissfield  
September 26 Deerfield  
October 3 Blissfield  
October 10 Deerfield  
October 17 Blissfield

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
PROGRAM 2026-2027**

**Welcome back!** Religious Education **1st-8th Grade** classes return on **Sunday, September 27th**. All families that were registered in RE last year were sent a registration packet in the mail.

**New students (1st grade or older) please call the parish office** (517 447-3500) or email Deanna Burke, Director of Religious Education, at [deannabdre@gmail.com](mailto:deannabdre@gmail.com) and we'll mail you a registration packet and, if needed, a parish registration form.

We'll process registrations through the mail to **Light of Christ Parish, 222 Carey Street, Deerfield MI 49238** or you may **utilize the black drop boxes** at either site: next to the office door in Deerfield and at the side of the church in Blissfield.

**Please return your registration forms as soon as possible** so we may prepare for everyone. **We look forward to a great year ahead!**

**INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

OCIA or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is the process of entering the Catholic Church. OCIA is for adults who are searching for a deeper understanding of God and the mystery of faith at work in their lives. It is a spiritual journey open to the baptized, unbaptized, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

**Do you attend the Catholic Church with a loved one and are willing to come and ask questions and learn more?** Responding to God's call and His grace, "Inquirers" come together in regularly scheduled sessions to explore their faith.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this process, please speak to Fr. Jeff or contact the parish office.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**John DeCocker** from Deerfield passed away on Saturday, August 29 and his funeral was on Saturday, September 5 at St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield. Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



BISHOP BOYEAS

**YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The family is the domestic church and the foundation of society. It is where future generations are born, educated, and formed, and where vocations to the priesthood and religious life most often take root. So, how can we help our families grow in holiness and happiness?

Beginning this September, I invite you to join me in a **Year of the Family**.

This new weekly catechetical series, introduced by me, will feature short films showcasing families from across the Diocese of Lansing. Each family will share how they are striving to live the Catholic faith more fully in their daily lives. Throughout the year, the series will explore family prayer, education, liturgical living, hospitality, discipline, and works of charity.

My sincere prayer is that the Year of the Family will encourage and inspire our families to live in ever greater harmony with God and with one another.

To sign up, simply text **YOTF to 84576** or subscribe by email at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/family](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/family).

I am, sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Earl Boyea  
Bishop of Lansing

**-MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK-**

**Tues., September 15- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
† *the People of the Parish*

**Wed., September 16- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† **NO DAILY MASS**  
**Due to Senior Appreciation Mass & Luncheon at Holy Family-St. Joseph, Adrian**

**Thurs., September 17- 9:00am, St. Peter**  
† *Janet Jensen*  
by William & Karen DeClercz

**Fri., September 18- 9:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† *Joe Frank*  
by Edward & Lorrie Tritt

**Sat., September 19- 4:30pm, St. Peter**  
† *Patricia Boham*  
by Chad & Kelly Dotser

**Sun., September 20- 8:00am, St. Alphonsus**  
† *Robert "Spunk" Payne*  
by Dean & Patricia Fisher

**11:00am, St. Peter**  
† *Joe & Alva Holubik*  
by Daughters Susan & Linda

**LET US PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS  
AND THEIR CAREGIVERS**

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Kathleen Adams      | Wendy Moore           |
| Helen Bateson       | Joseph Mueller        |
| Rita Bausman        | Muriel Mueller        |
| Aiden Beauregard    | John Musielewicz      |
| Mike Bomia          | Brenda Nagy           |
| Ella Borowski       | Karen Nevins          |
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| Larry Brenke        | Fr. Bob Pienta        |
| Doris Bussing       | Bev Pifer             |
| Linda & Dan Butcher | Ed Pifer              |
| Mary Clemens        | Kindt Pifer           |
| Chris Dewart        | Bob Rains             |
| Shirley Dewart      | Eva Ricker            |
| Webb Drew           | Brendan Robaszkievicz |
| Elaine Esper        | Joseph Savarin        |
| Kenneth Faust       | Sharon Schadewald     |
| Yvonne Gainsley     | Harold Sears          |
| Carmen Garcia       | Pat Sears             |
| Jennifer Gilson     | Patricia Shannon      |
| Ginger Goodin       | Steve Shields         |
| Katy Goodman        | Becky Shusta          |
| Makenzie Greer      | Margaret Smith        |
| Mike Haddix         | Sue Spinazze          |
| Penny Hashman       | Dana Strickler        |
| Lisa Hauser         | David Stucker         |
| Tammy Jarvis        | Mike Trabbic          |
| Susan Johnson       | Stacey Ulrich         |
| Karen Kaufman       | Alice Van Staveren    |
| Norma Kelly         | Franz Van Staveren    |
| Traci Knaggs        | Heidi Vikar           |
| Debbie Marietta     | Flo Wentworth         |
| Vinny Martinez      | Harry Woodbury        |

*Please call the parish office if you would like to receive the sacrament of of the Sick, which can be done before/after mass, at your home or in the hospital. Also, if you or someone you know is on the above list and no longer needs to be, please contact the office at 517 447-3500.*



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